

## SENATE BILL NO. 439

INTRODUCED BY B. STORY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON LICENSURE OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS; AMENDING SECTION 50-5-245, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 50-5-245, MCA, is amended to read:

**"50-5-245. Department to license specialty hospitals -- standards -- rulemaking -- moratorium. (1)**

Subject to subsection (4), the department shall license specialty hospitals using the requirements for licensure of hospitals and the procedure provided for in parts 1 and 2 of this chapter.

(2) The department shall adopt rules that are necessary to implement and administer this section.

(3) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (1), the department may not license a specialty hospital until July 1, ~~2009~~ 2011.

(4) A health care facility licensed by the department and in existence on May 8, 2007, may not change its licensure status in order to qualify for licensure as a specialty hospital unless the health care facility is licensed as a hospital."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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